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SUBJ: PERUVIAN ATTENDANCE AT COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED MEETING

REF: LIMA 6641

1. THE GOP DELEGATION TO NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT MEETING WAS OFFICIALLY DESIGNATED IN JULY 27 SUPREME RESOLUTION. PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER JOSE DE LA PUNTE RADBILL WILL HEAD THE PERUVIAN DELEGATION IN HIS CAPACITY AS FONMIN AND " SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHIEF OF STATE". NEITHER PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ NOR THE NEW PRIME MINISTER, GENERAL GUILLERMO ARBULU, WILL ATTEND. DE LA PUENTE ARRIVES AUGUST 11 FOLLOWING A VISIT TO ARGENTINA. IN THE MEANTIME, PERU'S AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS, CARLOS ALZAMORA TRAVERSO, WILL HEAD THE DELEGATION.

2. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION INCLUDE TWO PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED IN LIMA 6641: RICARDO LUNA MENDOZA, FIRST SECRETARY, CHIEF OF OFFICE FOR UN AFFAIRS AND ALLAN WAGNER TIZON, CHIEF, DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCE AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION. IN ADDITION AMBASSADOR GUSTAVO SILVA ARANDA, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND CONFERENCES AND THIRD SECRETARY MANUEL GONZALES OLAECHEA FRANCO, SECRETARY OF THE DELEGATION, WILL TRAVEL TO COLOMBO.

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3. COMMENT: FORMER PRIME MINISTER FERNANDEZ MALDONADO (OUSTED JULY 16) HAD BEEN EXPECTED TO TRAVEL TO SRI LANKA, AND NEW PRIME MINISTER ARBULU HAD APPARENTLY CONSIDERED IT. MORALES BERMUDEZ WAS NEVER BELIEVED TO BE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING ATTENDANCE. HOWEVER, THE GOP NEWS AGENCY JULY 31 STRUCK ALMOST AN APOLOGETIC NOTE IN ANNOUNCING THE ABSENCE FROM THE DELEGATION OF PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ. PRESS REPORTS ATTRIBUTED HIS STAYING IN LIMA TO THE "EXCESSIVE BURDENS INHERENT IN HIS OFFICE".
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